

Dear Environmental Committee,

My name is John Hastings and I am an employee of Mainline Heating and Supply in Ashford CT. I work in the service and installation department. I am writing you to express my concern about outdoor wood boilers. I do most of the service calls and spring shut downs on our Central Boiler outdoor wood boilers. I am really concerned and hope that the committee looks at the restriction of outdoor wood boilers in an environmental/economical light. If these boilers are installed correctly and operated in the fashion they were designed for they are a very clean, efficient, cost effective way to heat your house in the late fall, winter, and early spring time. I make my living in the Bioheat industry and agree with President Obama and Governor Rell that we need to be more self sufficient and end our dependence on foreign oil by using renewable resources. What better way then to burn wood which in turn provides work for local contractors to install these stoves, permit money to the towns and helps everyone budget and save money at a time when the economy is making it very difficult to survive. I would hope we do not let a few bad apples ruin the whole bunch. When we have an issue with illegal installation or improper running we should punish the offender not everyone.

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